



November 1, 2017

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
554 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: BDAC Progress and Next Steps

Dear Chairman Pai:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee ("BDAC"). It is an honor to lead such a distinguished group of people dedicated to supporting the FCC's efforts to accelerate broadband deployment and close the digital divide.

I am pleased to report that the BDAC has made tremendous progress in fulfilling its charter. At the BDAC's next meeting on November 9, I expect each working group to come ready to present a detailed, substantive work product for the BDAC to consider. I am optimistic that the BDAC will come out of this meeting with some initial recommendations for the FCC as well as a plan to tackle the next phase of its work.

The work occurring in the various BDAC working groups is highly complex and interrelated, and the November 9 meeting is the BDAC's first real opportunity to take a comprehensive look at the recommendations that are taking shape. This meeting will also give the BDAC a chance to identify areas that would benefit from harmonization as each working group seeks to complete its recommendations for the full BDAC.

I look forward to joining my fellow BDAC members in an intense working session on November 9th. That meeting should put the BDAC much closer to finalizing its recommendations in key areas, including on the model codes. Given the complexity of the model codes and the interrelated nature of the BDAC's work, it is my recommendation that the Commission schedule a two-day meeting in January. These matters are of great importance both to the FCC and to the American people, and the extra day will ensure that the BDAC has ample time for its deliberations.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve. I am looking forward to the next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Elizabeth Bowles'.

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